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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6803**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1293

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 7, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Driver Education.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Burton

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Indiana Driver's Education Commission, charged with consulting and advising the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and the Commissioner of the BMV and recommending the enactment, amendment, or repeal of rules concerning driver education. It requires the BMV to administer the licensing of: (1) approved driver education courses; (2) approved motorcycle driver education and training courses; (3) truck driver training schools; and (4) commercial driver training schools. The bill transfers rules adopted by the State Board of Education, the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education, and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute concerning driver education programs to the BMV.

The bill makes conforming amendments. It repeals an expired section. It also repeals language concerning the licensing of commercial driver training schools from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to the Bureau.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill establishes the eight-member Indiana Driver's Education Commission to advise the BMV and the Commissioner of the BMV in the administration of driver education programs. The number of meeting held each year will ultimately determine the cost of the new commission, but most likely will vary between \$2,400 and \$28,800 per year.

The bill also consolidates the approval and monitoring driver education programs with the BMV. The bill moves the current drivers education rules adopted by the Department of Education, Commission on Proprietary Education, and Criminal Justice Institute to the Bureau. Assuming the staff currently used to approve and monitor driver education programs is sufficient to carry out the duties and will transfer to the BMV along with any supporting appropriations, costs for the regulation of all driver education programs

could decrease based on any operating or management efficiencies that may be gained.

*Background - Indiana Driver's Education Commission:* The Commission consists one member appointed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, one member appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, one member appointed by the executive director of the ICJI, and five members appointed by the Governor. Of the five members appointed by the Governor, one member must be from the field of law enforcement, two members must be providers of drivers education in public schools, and two must be representatives of commercial driver training schools. The Commission is to meet during the first month of each calendar year but additional meeting can be convened upon the request of any three members. The commission is to recommend adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules, including driver education objectives, driver education program requirements, driver education curricula, driver education instructor qualifications. Members of the Commission are entitled to receive expenses and per diem.

*Driver Education Programs:* Currently the Department of Education approves driver education courses offered by a high school or a driver education school. The Department of Education also approves motorcycle operator safety education courses.

Truck driver training schools are a postsecondary proprietary education institutions accredited by the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education or a state educational institution that educates or trains a person or prepares a person for an examination given by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The ICJI administers the licensing of commercial driver training school, and instructors at commercial driver training schools.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The fees for licensure or renewal of commercial driver training schools and commercial driver instructors, currently paid to the ICJI, are repealed and new fees of the same amount payable to the BMV are established.

*Background:* The fee for a commercial driver training school license or annual renewal is \$100 and the fee for a commercial driver instructor license or annual renewal is \$10.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education, Commission on Proprietary Education, Bureau of Motor Vehicles , and Criminal Justice Institute

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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